CLAIMS

1   1. A method of displaying data from a database onto a page, comprising the steps

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4   providing in said database a view having data therein;

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6   providing in said database a configuration document describing characteristics of

7   said page;

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9   providing in said database a form for reading said configuration document, for

10 retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said page as described

11 in said configuration document;

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13 forming a page address from the names of said database and said form; and

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15 selecting said page address to display said data on said page.

1   2. A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a key

2   for locating the configuration documents.

1   3. A method according to Claim 2, further comprising the step of accessing said

2   page, and wherein the step of providing the key includes the step of providing the

3   key when the page is accessed.

1   4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the view includes a multitude of data

2   sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of instruction sets for

3   displaying data on the page, and further including the steps of selecting one of the

4   data sets and one of the instruction sets, and displaying the selected data set on

5   said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1   5. A method according to Claim 4, wherein the data sets and the instruction sets

2   are listed on the form, and the step of selecting one of the data sets and one of the

3   instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the selected data sets

4   and the selected instruction sets.

1   6. A system for displaying data from a database onto a page, comprising:

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3   a database including a view having data therein; a configuration document

4   describing characteristics of said page; and a form for reading said configuration

5   document, for retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said

6   page as described in said configuration document;

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8   means for forming a page address from the names of said database and said form;

9   and

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11   means for selecting said page address to display said data on said page.

1   7. A system according to Claim 6, further comprising means for providing a key

2   for locating the configuration documents.

1   8. A system according to Claim 7, further comprising means for accessing said

2   page, and wherein the means for providing the key includes means for providing

3   the key when the page is accessed.

1   9. A system according to Claim 6, wherein the view includes a multitude of data

2   sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of instruction sets for

3   displaying data on the page, and further including means for selecting one of the

4   data sets and one of the instruction sets, and means for displaying the selected data

5   set on said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1 10. A system according to Claim 9, wherein the data sets and the instruction sets

2 are listed on the form, and the means for selecting one of the data sets and one of

3 the instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the selected data

4 sets and the selected instruction sets.

1 11. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a

2 program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for

3 displaying data from a database onto a page, said method steps comprising:

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5 providing in said database a view having data therein;

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7 providing in said database a configuration document describing characteristics of

8 said page;

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10 providing in said database a form for reading said configuration document, for

11 retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said page as described

12 in said configuration document;

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14 forming a page address from the names of said database and said form; and

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16 selecting said page address to display said data on said page.

1 12. A program storage device according to Claim 11, further comprising the step

2 of providing a key for locating the configuration documents.

1 13. A program storage device according to Claim 12, further comprising the step

2 of accessing said page, and wherein the step of providing the key includes the step

3 of providing the key when the page is accessed.

1 14. A program storage device according to Claim 11, wherein the view includes a

2 multitude of data sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of

3   instruction sets for displaying data on the page, and further including the steps of

4   selecting one of the data sets and one of the instruction sets, and displaying the

5   selected data set on said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1   15. A program storage device according to Claim 14, wherein the data sets and the

2   instruction sets are listed on the form, and the step of selecting one of the data sets

3   and one of the instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the

4   selected data sets and the selected instruction sets.